Attorney's Docket No.: 00246-260001 / 1803

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: LaBaer et al.

Art Unit : 1634

Serial No.: 10/055,432

Examiner: B. Forman

Filed

: January 22, 2002

Title

: NUCLEIC-ACID PROGRAMMABLE PROTEIN ARRAYS

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated November 14, 2003, be extended for one month to and including March 15, 2004 (due date of March 14, 2004, fell on a Sunday).

Please charge Deposit Account No. \$55 for the required fee, referencing Attorney Docket Number 00246-260001. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramon K. Tabtians Reg. No. 55,658

Fish & Richardson P.C. 225 Franklin Street Boston, MA 02110-2804

Telephone: (617) 542-5070

Facsimile: (617) 542-8906

20824527.doc

03/18/2004 HVUONG1 00000021 061050 10055432

01 FC:2251

55.00 DA

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date of Deposit

Signature

Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing